

DENSO Manufacturing Michigan, Inc.

"Our mission is to protect lives, preserve the planet and prepare a bright future for generations to come."

Nobuaki Katoh
DENSO Global President and CEO



Vital Statistics

Clean Corporate Citizen
Since 1998

EPA Performance Track Member of the Year, 2006

ISO14001 Certified Since 1998

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Production volumes are up, while environmental impacts are down. Continuous improvement is a core value of DENSO Manufacturing Michigan, Inc. (DMMI), a global supplier of advanced automotive engine cooling module (ECM) and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in Battle Creek. The 1.4 million-square-foot facility sits on almost 100 acres of land, including native grasses and wildflower areas with a designated Monarch Waystation. DMMI has been a Clean Corporate Citizen and a Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partner since 1998.

The plant is expanding and producing a higher volume of advanced automotive parts than anytime in DMMI's 26-year history. But since 1999, DMMI has decreased greenhouse gas emissions by 28%. A solid 93% of waste is currently diverted from landfills and 89% of non-hazardous waste is recycled, with a dedication to meeting new, lower targets each year. The DMMI facility continues to annually achieve ISO-4001 certification, a globally recognized and voluntary standard of excellence for environmental management.

Environmental Highlights

- Recently replaced a gravel roof with white plastic membrane roof, annually saving 250 tons CO2 through heat loss reduction.
- Replaced metal halide overhead lighting with more efficient induction lighting in 950,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing and warehouse space, saving 1,300 tons CO2 annually.
- Reduced volatile organic compound (VOC) air emissions by 25 tons annually through use of oil filtering and recovery, extra-fine dispensing of oil onto product and replacing chemicals with more environmentally-friendly formulations.
- Reuse of reject water from a reverse osmosis process saves 6.3 million gallons of water annually.
- During a recent plant expansion, 50 skylights were installed to decrease energy use, along with the installation of low emission and energy efficient appliances and fixtures.
- Two of the 1,000-plus-degree furnaces used in the plant's manufacturing processes also heat portions of the 1.4 million square foot facility through a waste heat reclamation system. Annual savings are more than 33 million cubic feet of natural gas and 3.9 million pounds of CO2 emissions.

Locally, DMMI is a longtime partner of the Calhoun County Solid Waste Advisory Board and Local Emergency Planning Committee, the City of Battle Creek Wellhead Protection Program and Environmental Policy Committee, and a member of the Southwest Michigan Sustainable Business Forum. DMMI also participates in Adopt-A-Highway, the City of Battle Creek Children's Water Festival, the Global Citizens' River Conservation Day and the local Earth Day Festival.

